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| For: METHOD OF DETECTING LIFE | ) |                                      |
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SECOND REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE

Sir:

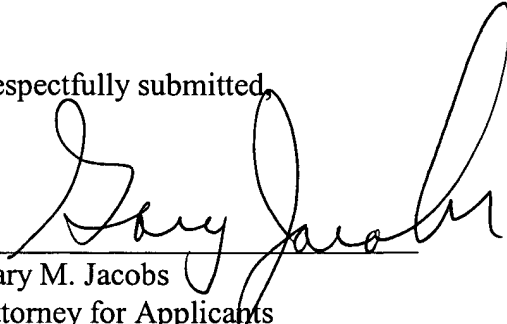
On September 7, 2004 Applicants filed an Amendment After Allowance and a substitute specification. The Examiner issued a paper on March 7, 2005 indicating that the November 15, 2004 has been entered. However, to-date, Applicants have not received any communication acknowledging entry of September 7, 2004 Amendment After Allowance by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a paper entering the September 7, 2004 Amendment After Allowance and substitute specification,

since the Amendment After Allowance and substitute specification merely correct minor informalities in the claims and the specification.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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